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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Federal Aviation Administration

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Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-14 and DC-9-15 Airplanes

and Model DC-9-20, DC-9-30, DC-9-40, and DC-9-50 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-14 and DC-9-15 airplanes; and Model DC-9-20, DC-9-30, DC-9-40, and DC-9-50 series airplanes. This proposed AD would require repetitive high frequency eddy current inspections to detect cracks in the vertical radius of the upper cap of the center wing rear spar, and repair if necessary. This proposed AD is prompted by reports of cracks in the upper cap of the center wing rear spar that resulted from stress corrosion. We are proposing this AD to detect and correct cracking of the left or right upper cap of the center rear spar, which could cause a possible fuel leak and structural failure of the upper cap, and result in reduced structural integrity of the airplane.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by [insert date 45 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Use one of the following addresses to submit comments on this proposed AD.

- DOT Docket web site: Go to <http://dms.dot.gov> and follow the instructions sending your comments electronically.

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